

REMARKS:

OFFER TO SURRENDER ORIGINAL PATENT GRANT

37 CFR 1.178(a)

5 The Applicant hereby offers to surrender the original patent grant in U.S. Patent 6,328,482 in compliance with 37 CFR 1.178(a).

STATEMENT OF STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR ALL CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS

37 CFR 1.173(c)

The Applicant submits that all claims 1-38 are pending in this reissue application.

Furthermore, support for new claims 30-38 can be found in the original specification as follows:

10 Support for new claim 30 can be found in FIG. 1, col. 5, lines 4-12, FIG. 3C, col. 7 lines 7-24, and FIG. 4).

Support for new claim 31 can be found in FIG. 3C and FIG. 4.

Support for new claim 32 can be found in FIG. 1, col. 12, lines 12-24, FIG. 3H, and col. lines 15-27.

15 Support for new claim 33 can be found in FIG. 1, col. 5, lines 4-9.

Support for new claim 34 can be found in FIGs. 3A-3C, and the section bridging col. 6, line 55 to col. 7, line 24.

Support for new claim 35 can be found in FIG. 3J and col. 9, lines 5-33.

Support for new claim 36 can be found in FIG. 3J and Col. 8, lines 50-63.

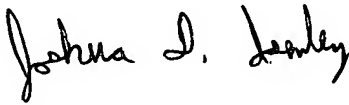
20 Support for new claim 37 can be found in FIG 3H, FIG. 3I and col. 8, lines 15-49).

Support for new claim 38 can be found in FIG. 3J and col. 8, lines 64-67

CONCLUSION

The Applicant submits that all claims are allowable over the prior art and define an invention suitable for patent protection. Furthermore, the Applicant submits that the claims are neither vague nor indefinite and that support exists in the original specification for newly added claims
5 30-38. The Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendment, consider the application, and point out the allowable subject matter in the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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